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HOME DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No. 1016. Dated: 9.3.50.
Read the following:-

Report of the Special Officer for contingencies dated 26.10.48.
From the Inspector General of Prisons No.A1/1433/48/d.7.1.49.
-do- No.A1/1433/48 d/30.8.49.

ORDER:

With a view to economise contingent expenditure in jails the special Officer for Contingencies has, inter alia, made suggestions to the following effect as a result of an examination made by him of the of the contingent expenditure in the Central Jail, Rajahmundry:-

(1) (a) That in the case of prisoners, who on release are given back cash property sufficient to take them to their destination, travelling expenses should not be paid, but that they must be required to meet their travelling expenses out of such personal cash property and that when such cash in insufficient, Government should pay the balance.

(b) that in the case of prisoners who, on release, are given the gratuity earned by them during their term of sentence, they should be asked to meet their travelling expenses from out of such gratuity but that if it is considered that it will be a hardship to deprive them of their small earnings it may perhaps be laid down that the gratuity amounts in excess of Rs.5/- should be utilised for meeting their travelling expenses and that the balance, if any, required should be met by Government.

(2) that in all cases where the railway fare of a prisoner for his journey home on release is paid by Government, he may be provided only with a III class ticket irrespective of the provided only with a III class ticket irrespective of the class to which he belongs and that if travel by a higher class is desired, the entire cost or at least the excess over third class fare should be met by the prisoner himself.

(3) that like class I prisoners, Class II prisoners may be also be allowed to purchase private clothing subject to the condition that the used clothing should be left behind by them at the time of their release so that it may be supplied to other prisoners as part worn clothing.

(4) that the present scales of remission to prisoners viz., 4 days a month for those working in intra mural camps and 5 days a month for those working in extra-mural camps and special remission of 15 days in a year for good conduct be increased to 6, 7, and 20 days respectively so as to reduce expenditure on maintenance charges.

(5) that gauze cloth and bandage cloth may be manufactured in Jails where there are power looms, at less cost and with less labour, than in Jails like the Central Jail, Rajahmundry, where there are no power looms and that convict labour in the latter type of jails may be employed for the manufacture of other types of cloth thereby reducing the expenditure on the purchase and transport of carpets, bedsheets, etc. for use in jails.

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2. The Government have carefully considered the above suggestions in consultation with the Inspector General of Prisons and pass the following orders seriatim on these suggestions:--

(1) Suggestion No.(1). The Inspector General considers that it will be unjust to five effect to this suggestion as the idea in granting subsistence allowance and batta to a prisoners on release independent of the the cash property either owned or earned by him in the shape of gratuity is to enable him to take something home for rehabilitating himself- The Government agree with the Inspector General and direct that the present practice be continued.

(2) Suggestion No.(2). The Inspector General has stated that 'Class I convicted prisoners are very few in jails and that if the suggestion is accepted it will affect mostly detenus and prisoners of a political nature. As it is considered that the grant of III class tickets to them will be inconsistent with the other privileges and amenities they enjoy, the Government do not accept this suggestion.

(3) Suggestion No.3. The Inspector General considers that this suggestion is not practical in view of the necessity for mainting individual accounts for each prisoner. That it entails and that it will also be unfair to ask the prisoners to leave behind the clothing paid for by them. The Government are not, therefore, prepared to accept this suggestion.

(4) SuggestionNo.(4). The Inspector General has endorsed this suggestion but the Government consider that there is no real justification for raising the scales of remission and, accordingly, direct that the present position be continued.

Suggestion No.(5) In view of the reasons given by the Inspector General, namely, that the power looms at Coimbatore are not able to cope with all orders for graze cloth etc. and that, wherever there is a weaving section, the bedsheets, convicts cloth etc. required for the jail are manufactured in it, The Government do not consider any action necessary on this suggestion and direct that the present practice be continued.

3. As regards the suggestion of the Special Officer about the use of milk powder for preparing butter milk it is considered that the experiment may be tried in jails where there are no dairies by using milk powder to the extent of 50% of the requirements in the case of ordinary prisoners and 33 1/3% of the requirements in the case of prisoners patients, without forcing detenus to use reconstituted milk. The attention of the Inspector General of Prisons is, in this connection, invited to his letter No.Roc.253/A4/49/ dated 23.12.49 and he is requested to report what the saving will be (1) if skimmed milk powder supplemented, if necessary, by the issue of ghee and (2) full cream milk powder, are used instead of fresh milk for conversion into butter milk on the basis of the extent of use indicated above.

4. Orders have been issued separately in G.O.No.Ms.1017 Home dated 9.3.1950 on the suggestions of the Special Officer regarding the non-payment of batta and subsistence allowance to prisoners released on bail and the confirment in sub-jails, of convicts sentenced to terms of imprisonment not exceeding two months.

5. Orders will be issued separately in the Public Department regarding the suggestions of the Special Officer for classification by courts of the diet of security prisoners. The reduction of their ration allowance has since been ordered in Memo.No.7186/49-6 dated 14.11.49. Orders will be issued later on the Special Officer's suggestion for training long term vener convicts as nursing orderlies in jail hospitals.

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